Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Courageous and brave American service members from South Dakota have demonstrated their valor and commitment to freedom by serving in the Armed Forces of the United States of America; and,

Whereas, A great number of these Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines have made great sacrifices in order to protect the freedoms of our country, while having to leave their families, and in many cases, their children behind; and,

Whereas, These children are heroes too and are a source of pride and honor to all of us in South Dakota; and,

Whereas, It is only fitting that we take time to celebrate their spirit, recognize their contributions, and let our men and women in uniform know that while they are taking care of us, we are taking care of their children; and,

Whereas, The recognition of a Month of the Military Child will allow us to acknowledge and pay tribute to military children, for when parents serve in the military, their children serve also; and,

Whereas, A month-long salute to military children will encourage support for Operation Military Kids, youth programs for our Guard, Reserve, and Active Duty military families, and other organizations established to provide local support to military children and their families; and,

Whereas, "Purple Up! For Military Kids Day," a special day to show local support of our military children and families by wearing purple, will be held in April, and I encourage all South Dakotans to demonstrate their support by wearing purple:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 2016 as

MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-third Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State